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QUOTED HERE IS LETTER DATED MAY 3,1974 TO DR. BARTOCHA OF NSF FROM A.H. ENNOR: QUOTE: DEAR DR. BARTOCHA, PARAGRAPH. I REFER TO THE PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS FROM SITES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA DURING THE 1974 SOLAR ECLIPSE. PARAGRAPH. THE PRINCIPAL EXPERIMENT, IN WHICH TWO ROCKETS ARE TO BE LAUNCHED AND INSTRUMENT PACKAGES SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED FROM THE SEA, HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL BOTH WITH THE CSIRO AND WITH DR. HELLMANN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. ON THE BASIS OF SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT I AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS EXPERIMENT BE BROUGHT UNDER THE US/AUSTRALIA SCIENCE AGREEMENT. PARAGRAPH. IN YOUR LETTER OF 16 NOVEMBER YOU ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT OTHER JOINT SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE BE BROUGHT UNDER THE AGREEMENT. PARAGRAPH. THE CSIRO HAS ADVISED THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN HELPING IN ANY WAY IT /AN TO ENABLE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS IF THIS FURTHER COLLABORATION DOES NOT INVOLVE EXCESSIVE

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EXPENDITURE OF CSIRO RESOURCES. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH CSIRO REPRESENTATIVES AND DR. HELLMANN AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO BRING THESE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT. PARAGRAPH. MR. ALAN DRIVER, CSIRO, AND MR. RONALD R. LACOUNT, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT ON THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPERIMENTS AND I AM HAPPY THAT THEY COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY ON ANY MATTERS THAT ARISE. PARAGRAPH. I UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS FOR THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE WELL ADVANCED AND I WISH THE EXPERIMENTERS EVERY SUCCESS. PARAGRAPH. YOURS SINCERELY. SIGNED A.H. ENNOR. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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